

# Doyayo language

**Doyayo** (ethnonym: *Dowayo*) is a language of the Duru branch of Adamawa languages spoken in Cameroon.

*Doyayo* (Doo<sup>23</sup>yǎǎ<sup>1</sup>yɔ<sup>1</sup> 'man's mouth'; alternatively Doo<sup>2</sup>waa<sup>23</sup>yǎǎ<sup>1</sup>yɔ<sup>1</sup> 'man's child's mouth') is spoken by the **Dowayo** (or Doo<sup>2</sup>waa<sup>23</sup>yɔ<sup>1</sup> 'man's child') ethnic group.

## Dialects

Doyayo dialects are:<sup>[3]</sup>

- Markɛ (spoken in the northwestern plains)
- Tɛɛrɛ of Poli
- Southern Tɛɛrɛ (spoken in the mountains to the south)
- Sewe (Séwé)

(Note that there are two distinct Tɛɛrɛ dialects.)

Blench (2004) considers the Sewe dialect to be a separate language, no more closely related to Dowayo than to Koma and Vere.

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Doyayo	
Dowayo	
Region	Cameroon
Native speakers	(18,000 cited 1985) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	<div>Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Leko–Nimbari<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Duru<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Vere–Dowayo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Doyayo</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Dialects	Sewe
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	dow
Glottolog	doya1240 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/lan/guoid/id/doya1240">http://glottolog.org/resource/lan/guoid/id/doya1240</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>
Person	Doo <sup>2</sup> waa <sup>23</sup> yɔ <sup>1</sup>
Language	Doo <sup>23</sup> yǎǎ <sup>1</sup> yɔ <sup>1</sup>

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